

39873 County Road 336
Bovey, MN 55709

August 13, 2014

Bill Storm, Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101
PUC Docket Numbern(14-21)

Dear Mr. Bill Storm,

We are located next to the Prairie River by Itasca County Road # 336, Lawrence Township. You will find our place in the map section of the Minnesota Power route report, appendix A, page 49.

We are most concerned of the proposed orange route that includes Balsam and Lawrence Townships. This section of the orange route will definitely impact a significant number of residents. Also, included in this area is a small business community consisting of a restaurant, laundromat, convenient store, a large recreational area, a fire department with area to launch a helicopter for emergency purposes, and a church. We feel a transmission line running through this area could greatly affect the health and welfare of the people and impact the area's future growth.

We are also concerned of the affects this line could have on our wildlife, waters, and vegetation. Deer are wintering in this area. There is a wildlife sanctuary that runs along the South Crooked Lake Road which is just off the east side of the orange route belonging to the DNR. Also, poles were left on a pre-existing power line in Balsam Township to attract osprey to this area.

Therefore we strongly oppose the choice of the proposed orange route.
Thank-you for your consideration!

Very Truly Yours,

Michael E. Bunes
Cheryl M. Bunes

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